

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending. Claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18-26, and 28-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,097,964 to Nuovo et al. Claims 7, 17, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,097,964 to Nuovo et al. and U.S. Patent No. 5,063,289 to Jasinski et al.

Reconsideration is requested. No new matter is added. The rejections are traversed. Claims 1, 10, and 20 are amended. Claims 1-39 remain in the case for consideration.

The Examiner is requested to withdraw the finality of the Office Action because new grounds for rejecting claim 27 have been presented, and claim 27 has not been amended to necessitate the rejection.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

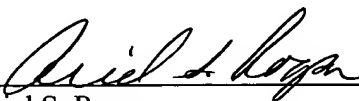
On April 12, 2004, the undersigned held a telephonic interview with Examiner Vu, for which the Applicant thanks the Examiner. During the interview, the undersigned argued that Nuovo teaches translational movement of the Nuovo navigational key in only one direction. The Examiner responded that the claims only describe "two directions," which Nuovo does show. The undersigned suggested clarifying the claims to describe the selector as operable in "first and second directions on the first axis and third and fourth directions on the second axis," which the Examiner agreed would clarify the claims.

The undersigned further argued Nuovo does not teach rotation around the translation axis, as claimed in claims 31, 35, and 39. The Examiner agreed that Nuovo does not teach this feature. Because the rejection of claims 31, 35, and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Nuovo is wrong, the Examiner is requested to withdraw the finality of the Office Action.

Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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